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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7 March 2002

RE: Hanging a plastic sign on the fence by Wolf Pen Creek on Holleman Drive

TO: College Station City Council

FROM: Brenda Bridges
Brenda Bridges, President of Brazos Valley Kennel Club

Once a year the Brazos Valley Kennel Club hosts two American-Kennel-Club-sanctioned dog shows at the Brazos County Pavilion. This year's shows will be held March 30 and 31, Saturday and Sunday. More than 1,100 dogs will compete in conformation and/or in obedience at each of these shows. Last year the dog that had just won Best in Show at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York competed (and won) at our show. Several of our club members' dogs have won Best of Breed and earned Group placement at Westminster, where many of our shows' judges have judged. The show judges come from all over the country. The high point of the shows is the awarding of ribbons and trophies to the biggest winners: Highest Scoring Dog (for Obedience) and Best in Show (for Conformation). We hold Junior Showmanship Competition in which children hone their dog-handling skills. Immediately after our show on March 30, the BVKC hosts an AKC-sanctioned "Fun Match," so people can practice competing in the ring with their dogs. We also offer a canine eye clinic that is open to the public, particularly valuable since the TAMU College of Veterinary Medicine no longer performs this service. We encourage anyone who wants to watch our shows, and there is no charge to watch (though only dogs entered in competition can be in the Pavilion). Vendors supply food, and vendors of dog supplies will be on hand. Other vending space is taken up by organizations like the county Animal Shelter, dog-breed-specific rescue groups, Search and Rescue, Animal Therapy, and so on. The grooming areas are open, so attendees can see how dogs are "beautified" for the show ring. We have available information on obedience, therapy dog, and agility training. We hire groups to keep the grounds clean of litter and to use the pooper-scoopers. In addition to policemen and a veterinarian, our area's AKC representative is there, too, to resolve any issues that might occur. These are the only AKC-sanctioned dog shows in our area and are educational and fun for anyone who likes dogs.

These shows bring many people to College Station and Bryan. We house our judges in a College Station motel, as well. Besides the handlers with the dogs, there are the dog owners, groomers, and professional breeders. The Bryan-College Station Convention and Visitor Center is one of our many local trophy sponsors. They also help us by giving us information and goodies that go in the welcome baskets for our judges.

The professionally-made sign we would like to post at Wolf Pen Creek looks nice. With your approval, it will be put up on March 29 and taken down on April 1. It reads "Dog Shows. Saturday and Sunday. www.brazosvalleykennelclub.com." We hope you will give your consent. Please contact me at 458-3484 or 776-5198 if you have any questions.

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DOG

SHOWS

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Brazos Valley Kennel Club (AKC-sanctioned)

Add-ons:

www.brazosvalleykennelclub.com

Tabor Rd. exit

N. Hwy. 6 Bypass